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For: PREVENTION AND/OR REDUCTION OF  
PHOTORECEPTOR DEGENERATION WITH  
RETINOIDS

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**NATIONAL STAGE PCT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Enclosed herewith are the following documents:

- (x) Transmittal Letter - 4 pgs
- (x) Specification (16 pages total) consisting of 16 Claims ( 3 pgs); Abstract (1 page)
- (x) Drawings (5 sheets)
- (X) Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ( ) Assignment with Recordation Cover Sheet
- ( ) Information Disclosure Statement with cited art
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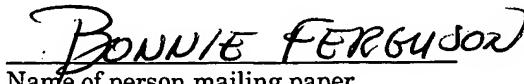
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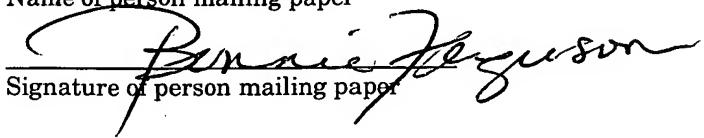
  
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**REQUEST FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL STAGE OF A PCT APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371**

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

This is a request for commencement of the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US2004/039987, filed on August 25, 2004 claims the benefit of Provisional Application, Serial No. 60/508,416, filed on November 30, 2004 which claims the benefit of Provisional Application Number 60/526,505, filed on December 2, 2003, entitled PREVENTION AND/OR REDUCTION OF PHOTORECEPTOR DEGENERATION WITH RETINOIDS by the following named inventor(s):

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Applicants expressly request that the national stage of processing commence as soon as the application is in order for such purpose and the applicable requirements of 35 USC § 371(c) have been complied with.

Please cancel any amendments which have been made to the claims under Article 19 or Article 34 of the PCT.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to use Deposit Account Number 01-0885 for the payment of any extension fees incurred during the prosecution of this application.

(X) Enclosed is a total specification of 16 pages, which consists of 16 claims ( 3 pages); an abstract (1 page) and 5 sheets of drawings.

**Oath or Declaration**

- (x) Enclosed is a fully executed oath or declaration.
- ( ) Enclosed is an unsigned oath or declaration.
- (X) A self-addressed return postcard is enclosed for verification of receipt.
- (X) The filing fee is calculated below:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))			\$300.00	\$300.00
Examination Fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) - all other situations			\$200.00	\$200.00
Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) - International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB			\$400.00	\$400.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20	16	minus 20 = -0- x	\$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims in Excess of Three	2	minus 3 = -0- x	\$200.00	\$0.00
If application contains any multiple dependent claims, then add			\$360.00	\$0.00
Total Sheets	16	minus 100 = -0-	\$50.00	\$0.00
Utility Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets			\$250.00	\$0.00
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) \$40.00 per property			\$40.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>			<b>\$900.00</b>	

- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee and excess claim fees (including multiple dependent claim fee) as stated above to Deposit Account No. 01-0885. If this amount is incorrect, or for payment of any other fees that may be incurred as a result of this communication please use said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.
- ( ) An Assignment with the Recordation Cover Sheet, bestowing all interest in this application to Allergan, Inc., is enclosed.

( X ) Drawing(s) are enclosed 5 sheets.

( ) A Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.821(f) and a labeled diskette containing the computer readable sequence listing is enclosed.

( ) A Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.821(e), stating that the paper copy and the computer readable form are identical is filed herewith.

( ) A properly labeled computer readable form of the Sequence Listing accompanies this Application.

( ) The Power of Attorney in this application is to Brent A. Johnson, Registration Number 51,851.

The Power of Attorney appears in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, filed herewith.

( ) A copy of the Request for Extension of Time filed in the prior application is enclosed.

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